



Olympic National Park Recruitment Opportunity Wilderness Information Center Intern

Job Description

Olympic is among the three most popular National Park Service wilderness areas for backpacking. Visitors to the park wilderness, an area of nearly 900,000 acres, are served by the Wilderness Information Center (WIC), and four satellite wilderness offices.

The WIC provides wilderness information and camping permits to visitors and oversees reservations for limited-use areas. Interns will become familiar, both directly and indirectly, with the Olympic Wilderness for the purpose of providing this information to the public.

WIC interns work 40 hours a week primarily out of the Wilderness Information Center in Port Angeles, the Eagle Ranger Station (Sol Duc), the Hoh Visitor Center and the Staircase Ranger Station.

Interns will assist visitors with trip planning, provide Leave No Trace camping tips, and issue camping permits. Other projects include issuing bear canisters to park visitors, cleaning and organizing bear canisters, search and rescue, minor building maintenance and cleaning.

Interns will have opportunities to perform wilderness patrols of 1-8 days in the Park's backcountry. These trips are usually solo but occasionally interns will travel with another intern or Park staff.



Some gear may be provided for use on wilderness patrols but volunteers should come with their own camping gear including: tent, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, backpack, appropriate clothing and hiking boots.

Qualifications

Applicants should have a strong desire to work directly with the public providing detailed information. Wilderness backpacking experience is desirable. Basic computer skills required.

Compensation

Park housing may be provided. Housing is generally dorm style with shared kitchen and living space.

Training

Interns will attend seasonal staff training and will receive additional wilderness training and site specific training through the WIC headquarters in Port Angeles.

Internship Dates

Internships are for 12 weeks or longer depending on applicant availability and funding. **Preferred dates are June 3 through Labor Day.** Dates may be negotiable.

How to Apply

Interested applicants over 18 can apply online at: [volunteer.gov](https://www.volunteer.gov)

